

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-20 are pending in this Application. In the Office Action mailed August 2, 2004, the Examiner stated that there appeared to be no generic claim and requested Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits based on the following species:

Species A – Directed to FIGURES 1A-1D;

Species B – Directed to FIGURES 2A-2C; and

Species C – Directed to FIGURE 3

Applicant respectfully addresses the basis for the Examiner's request below.

Restriction/Election

Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse Species A directed to FIGURES 1A-1D believed to read on Claims 8-14 for continued prosecution. It is requested that Claims 1-7 and Claims 15-20 be withdrawn from further prosecution; any claim cancellation will be made upon the filing of a divisional application.

Traversal is argued on grounds that a thorough search of the subject matter of Claims 8-14 would necessarily include subject matter as claimed in Claims 1-7 and 15-20. As such, examination of Claims 1-7 and Claims 15-20 on the merits would impose no additional burden on the Patent Office. *See* MPEP 803.

Applicant has amended Claims 9-11 as to matters of form and respectfully requests entry and allowance of amended Claims 9-11.

Applicant also requests entry of new Claims 21-35, added to fairly protect the instant invention. No new matter is submitted with new Claims 21-35. Support for new Claims 21-35 may be found in the Specification, such as in paragraphs [0018] to [0025]. Applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 21-35 are in allowable form.

New Claims 21-34 are believed to be readable on elected Species A. Consideration for and allowance of New Claims 21-34 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In light of the remarks and arguments presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims in the Application are in condition for allowance. With this Amendment, Applicant also respectfully submits new Claims 21-35, believed to be in allowable form. Favorable consideration for and allowance of pending Claims 1-20 and new Claims 21-35 are therefore respectfully requested.

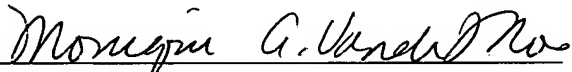
A three-month extension of time is included herewith. Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees, other than the issue fee, that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 07-0153.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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